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SEPTA feels mass transit gains in 2011

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▶ Class continues.

CCP professors vote against a strike

Students at Community College of Philadelphia can breathe a sigh of relief after faculty and staff voted last night not to strike.

Roughly 1,600 employees have been without a contract since their previous deal expired in August. There is no word on when negotiations will resume, but by not approving a strike, students can be assured that classes will not be disrupted.

"We are pleased that the Faculty and Staff Federation has decided not to disrupt the spring semester for our students, and that the Federation has agreed to continue to meet and work to achieve a fair and affordable contract settlement," said a statement from the college.

The college made its supposed final offer last month. The proposal is a five-year deal with no raise in the first year, and a 10.5 percent raise over the next four years. Workers will not have to pay health care premiums, but would see an increase in co-pays and a deductible for the first time, college president Stephen Curtis said, adding that "we think we've made a good offer. We are hopeful that over time the union will come to an agreement with us." METRO/SDL

In the news

Libraries' future debated

The Philadelphia Free Library's system will be the talk of a panel hosted by Pew Charitable Trust tomorrow afternoon, which will analyze the future of public libraries in the 21st century and in the aftermath of the Great Recession. Mayor Michael Nutter last week proposed $7 million in additional funding for the city's libraries. METRO

In the news

Corbett defends cuts

Gov. Tom Corbett yesterday defended his proposed cuts to higher education. "We are reducing the funding to education because we do not have the money," he said, according to KYWNewsradio. "Tell me where would you have me take it from. Would you have me take from the social services? Would you have me take it from law enforcement?"

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

Horseplay regarding racing funds

PENNSYLVANIA. The state's Equine Coalition, a lobbying group for the 10,000 trainers, owners and breeders, will rally at the Statehouse in Harrisburg tomorrow in protest of proposed elimination of the horseracing industry's $72 million subsidy.

Gov. Tom Corbett would like to redirect funding for Race Horse Development Fund to other programs. Horse farm owners, breeders and thoroughbred racers say the entire industry could go under without the money. METRO/BXM

Fire sweeps through row

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. Three people were injured, including a child, in an early morning fire in Nicetown that swept through five homes.

The blaze broke out around 3:45 a.m. inside a home on the 200 block of West Albanus Street and quickly spread to five other homes on the block. A 5-year-old child was rescued and rushed to Saint Christopher Hospital, where he is in critical condition with severe burns to his body. METRO/AW

SEPTA ridership grows, but not agency's budget

Transit agency leaders hope state lawmakers, Gov. Corbett open eyes to growing mass transit trend ◐ Increases across US, including rural areas

SEPTA and other cash-strapped mass transit systems across the country gained steam in their argument for a federal transportation bill yesterday with a report that national ridership in 2011 reached its second-highest level since 1957.

The American Public Transportation Association reported that American riders took 10.4 billion trips last year, trailing only 2008 when gas prices spiked above $4 per gallon. The national organization attributed the growth to gas prices remaining high, more people returning to work and innovations in technology that keep riders informed.

"There should be no doubt Americans need and want public transportation. Congress needs to pass a well funded, multimodal, multiyear transportation bill that will help meet current and growing demand," APTA President and CEO Michael Melaniphy said in the report.

SEPTA, the nation's sixth-largest transit agency, experienced its highest ridership since 1989 in the year that ended June 30, 2011. In February, the number of passenger trips rose for the 19th consecutive month and was up 3 percent from February 2010.

A SEPTA spokesman said the agency hopes the news will send a message to state and federal lawmakers.

"That's something that we can always point to as a sign of growth and a sign of SEPTA's importance in the region," spokesman Andrew Busch said.

Busch noted that despite the ridership growth, SEPTA's capital budget is just $300 million, down 25 percent from three years ago. He said the increase in passengers puts more stress on an aging infrastructure.

"The way to handle that is to keep up with our maintenance program," he said.

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▶ More people got on subways in 2011. SEPTA has seen systemwide gains for 19 straight months.

"Two top reasons for the increased ridership are higher gas prices and in certain areas, a recovering economy with more people returning to work. Since nearly 60 percent of trips taken on public transportation are for work commutes, it's not surprising to see ridership increase in areas where the economy has improved."
MELANIPHY

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By the numbers

2.3 percent
Increase in national ridership on public transportation in 2011, the American Public Transportation Association reported.

19
Consecutive months of ridership growth for SEPTA, dating back to the middle of 2010.

4.9 percent
Increase in national ridership on light rail vehicles, which saw the largest growth of any mode.

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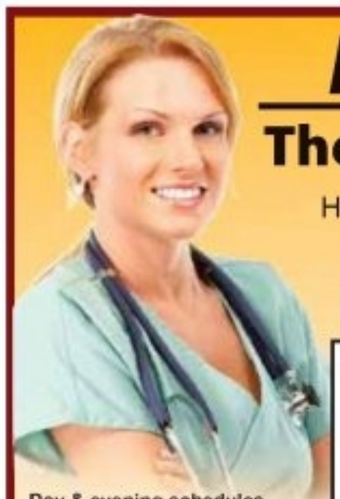

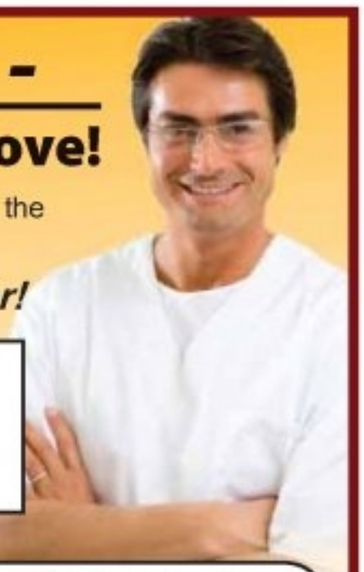

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Red light cameras could go dark soon

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▶ This red-light camera at South Broad Street and South Penn Square snagged 5,402 drivers in just three months last year.

There is speculation over whether Philadelphia's red light camera program will get the green light from the state Legislature when the seven-year initiative expires this summer, but an aide for a powerful Republican state senator said that he is confident the Senate and House will reach an agreement. The program currently expires on June 30 unless additional laws are passed to keep it in place.

"I believe that will happen," said Erik Arneson, spokesman for Sen. Dominic Pileggi. "I think it's important to note that A, we are three and a half months away from this being a real problem, and B, I'm confident that there will be an agreement to move legislation through the General Assembly."

"Many members of the General Assembly are interested in expanding the program to additional cities."
ARNESON, PILEGGI SPOKESMAN

Reports surfaced yesterday that the Senate, which voted to extend the red light program by six months at the end of last year, would only make the extension permanent if the state House of Representatives agreed to pass a pending bill expanding the program to approximately 15 other cities.

"It is true that many members of the General Assembly are interested in expanding the program to additional cities and I think that a lot of those folks, from their perspective — and rightly so — are much more concerned about whether or not they're able to expand the program into some additional cities across the state in the areas they represent, rather than having a narrow focus on the situation in Philadelphia," Arneson said.

Stephen Miskin, spokesman for House majority leader Mike Turzai, told KYWNewsradio that the House would be "very reluctant" to extend the program without expanding it to other cities. He did not return calls for comment yesterday.

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By the numbers

$1,197,900
Fines collected between January and March 2011 at those three intersections.

$13,728,479
Total revenue collected by the red light program between April 2010 and March 2011.

5,402
Total for the most ticketed intersection in the city between January and March 2011: Broad Street and South Penn Square, followed by Aramingo and Castor avenues and Levick Street and the Roosevelt Boulevard.

21
Intersections in the program as of August 2011. A total of 96 cameras are set up at those intersections to catch red runners.

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Tioga home firebombed

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. Police are investigating an attempted firebombing in Tioga early yesterday morning.

A man, 43, smelled something burning in the bottom floor of his residence on the 3300 block of North 18th Street, police said. When he tried to open the front door, he noticed it was on fire.

The man told police he received threatening text messages before the incident. The fire marshal's office determined the fire to be a case of arson.

Authorities are still investigating. METRO

Guidelines set for schools super search

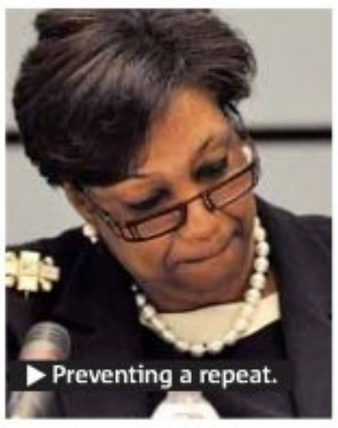
CENTER CITY. The School Reform Commission yesterday gave more detailed descriptions for what it hopes its next full-time superintendent embodies.

The SRC's Superintendent Search Team released the official job description and a summary of the ideas and recommendations collected from approximately 15 community forums held throughout the city. Three new members of the search team were also named.

"The job statement calls for specific leadership and experience requirements that are necessary in a candidate," according to a district release. "These requirements were shaped by the input collected from the public in a series of community forums that were held in February and March."

A new superintendent is expected to be hired in time for the new school year next September. METRO

Wish list



▶ Preventing a repeat.

Search criteria for a new leader:

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- **Understand and respect** the diversity of the city of Philadelphia
- **Engage, listen to and be responsive** to students, families, and other stakeholders
- **Be committed to transparency** and openness in the management of the school district
- **Understand excellent schools should be** determined by more than standardized test scores, but a collection of school-based outcomes.

As Philly facilities close, new pipeline steps up

▶ Northeast cities thirsty for gas and diesel get new bloodline as refineries close up shop ▶ Pipeline from Gulf to East Coast bolstering capacity

RIKARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Sunoco is leaving the refinery business behind in Philadelphia.

Colonial Pipeline unveiled a major expansion of the only gasoline and diesel line from the U.S. Gulf Coast to the Northeast, thirsty for fuel as refineries in the Philadelphia region shut down.

Colonial, the only major conduit for moving refined fuels from the Gulf refining center up the East Coast, will add 125,000 barrels per day of new capacity to its pipeline from Greensboro, N.C., to Linden, N.J, boosting its capacity to a total 950,000 bpd by 2014, the company said.

It is the latest and largest of a series of multimillion-dollar projects that will boost shipments along the network, which has been running flat-out for the past several years after a series of refinery closures in the U.S. Northeast forced the region to pull more supplies from farther afield.

Sunoco shuttered its Eagle Point refinery in New Jersey in 2009 citing poor margins along the Atlantic basin and later turned it into a terminal. Two other refinery closures have since followed and one refinery is up for sale in Pennsylvania.

By July, Sunoco has to decide whether to sell or shutter the region's biggest plant in Philadelphia, a development that threatens to cause a more intense shortfall in gasoline and diesel supplies before the Colonial line is expanded. REUTERS

NJ refinery gets bigger

PENNSYLVANIA. Sunoco Inc. said it increased the storage capacity in the Philadelphia area for refined products on the site of its former Eagle Point, N.J., refinery to ensure supply reliability after refinery shutdowns in the region.

Sunoco, looking to leave the refinery business after several quarters of losing money, said that it now can store 3 million barrels of refined products on the site of the shuttered 145,000-barrel-per-day New Jersey refinery, with 2 million returning to service in 2012 and an unspecified amount still available to return to service.

The company, which has already shuttered its 178,000 bpd Marcus Hook refinery and has its 335,000 bpd Philadelphia refinery slated for closure if it is not sold by July, also said that it can reverse pipelines to bring product from the New York Harbor as well as increasing railcar off-loading at the site. REUTERS

Quoted

"We want to make sure that we're staying ahead of what's going on in the Philadelphia area ... as refineries close and turn into terminals and as pipelines look for supply."

DAVE DOUDNA, COLONIAL'S DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND OPTIMIZATION

Pipeline deterred

Colonial may stand as one of the winners from the painful collapse of the Atlantic Basin refining industry in the United States and Europe.

The region's older refineries lack access to the bonanza of cheaper shale oil and Canadian crude in the Midwest, and aren't sophisticated enough to process cheaper imported heavy grades. METRO

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Defense wraps up in Rutgers bullying case

The defense wrapped up its case yesterday in the gay bullying trial of a former Rutgers student accused of spying on a sexual encounter between his male roommate and another man.

The alleged victim, Tyler Clementi, later committed suicide by jumping off the George Washington Bridge.

Dharun Ravi, 20, told a judge that he would not testify in his own defense at the trial, which now moves to closing arguments today.

"It's my decision, yes," Ravi told the judge after the ninth and final defense witness testified. **REUTERS**

Shooting sparks call for US exit from Afghanistan

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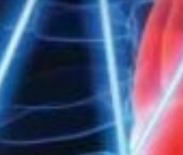
▶ A mourner cries over the bodies of Afghan civilians, allegedly shot by a rogue U.S. soldier in Kandahar province on Sunday.

The massacre of 16 villagers by a U.S. soldier has triggered angry calls for an immediate American exit from Afghanistan as Washington tries to negotiate a long-term presence to keep the country from sliding into chaos again.

Just days before Sunday's attack, Kabul and Washington had made significant progress in negotiations on a Strategic Partnership Agreement that would allow American advisers and special forces to stay in Afghanistan after foreign combat troops leave at the end of 2014.

But securing a full deal may be far more difficult now after the shooting spree in villages in the southern province of Kandahar, the Taliban heartland, which killed mostly women and children. **REUTERS**

Board: Paterno showed a lack of leadership



The Penn State's Board of Trustees yesterday defended its firing of legendary football coach Joe Paterno and the university's president, saying they showed a "failure of leadership" in not doing more following reports of child sexual abuse by former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky.

Paterno and Graham Spanier were fired in November after Sandusky was accused of sexually abusing young boys over a 15-year period.

Many alumni were upset over the firing of Paterno, who was head coach for 46 years. With 409 victories at Penn State, he won more games in big-time college football than any other coach in the sport's history. Paterno died in January of lung cancer. **REUTERS**

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Gasoline prices drive Americans to mass transit

Americans took 10.4 billion trips on public transportation in 2011, the second-highest total since 1957, as gasoline prices rose and the economy improved, an industry group said yesterday.

Only in 2008, when gasoline rose to more than $4 a gallon, did ridership beat 2011's total, the American Public Transportation Association said in a statement.

Ridership was up 2.3 percent last year from 2010, with the increase spread across large, medium and small communities.

"Two top reasons for the increased ridership are higher gas prices and in certain areas, a recovering economy with more people returning to work," Michael Melaniphy, the association's president and chief executive, said in the statement.

The fastest pace of growth was in rural communities with populations under 100,000, with an increase of 5.4 percent.

Light rail ridership increased 4.9 percent in 2011, with increases of 37.2 percent for Seattle and 31.2 percent in Dallas.

Ridership for subways and elevated trains was up 3.3 percent while commuter rail ridership rose 2.5 percent. Large bus systems reported an increase of 0.4 percent across the nation. **REUTERS**

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Transit funding

- Federal funding for transportation projects, including mass transit, is set to expire at the end of March; the Senate is scheduled to vote on a two-year, $109 billion authorization bill today.
- A House transportation bill calling for $260 billion in spending over five years failed to gain support. Speaker John Boehner said last week he was willing to take up the Senate measure instead.

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▶ In Seattle, lightrail ridership is up 4.9 percent.

News in brief

Safety probe begins on Ford Taurus

WASHINGTON. U.S. safety regulators have opened an investigation into an estimated 360,000 Ford Taurus sedans for a potential problem with the throttle getting stuck in an open position.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it had opened a preliminary investigation in the Taurus cars from model years 2005 and 2006 after receiving 14 consumer complaints alleging incidents of a stuck throttle resulting from cruise control cable detachment.

A preliminary investigation is the first step in a process that could lead to a recall if regulators determine that a manufacturer needs to address a safety issue. **REUTERS**

US, UN slam Syria over violence

UNITED NATIONS. The United States, its European allies and the U.N. chief slammed Syrian President Bashar al-Assad yesterday for a year-long assault on anti-government protests that has killed thousands and brought Syria to the brink of civil war.

The Western powers also urged Russia and China, which have twice vetoed U.N. Security Council resolutions condemning the Syrian government's attacks on its own citizens, to stop preventing council action against Damascus.

Moscow, however, voiced its "grave concern" at the deteriorating situation in Syria, its close ally, and called for an immediate end to all violence. **REUTERS**

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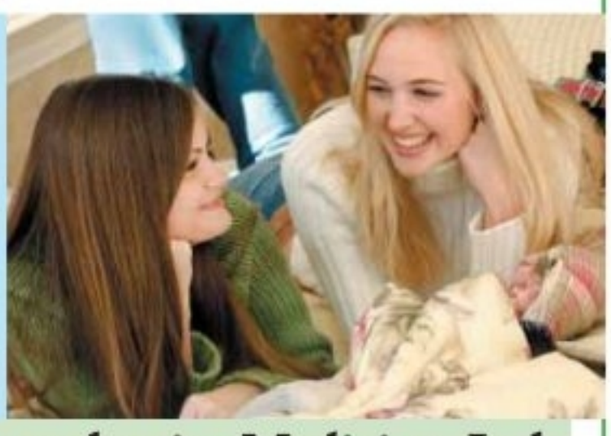

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Campaign goes south: Pandering for the vote

▶ Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney greets supporters during a campaign stop at the Whistle Stop cafe in Mobile, Alabama. Our guess: Romney just happens to LOVE whistles!

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You might be a redneck if you're voting in the Deep South primaries in Alabama and Mississippi today. (We mean no offense by this; more on it in just a bit.) Of course, there are many possible neck colors among the Southern voting populace, but Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum are probably hoping for the darkest crimson as they attempt to convince conservatives that they best represent old Dixie ideology in an effort to amp their flagging candidacies.

Now, we belong to the camp that sees Mitt Romney as the inevitable GOP presidential nominee. That's based on the potent combination of his superior (estimated) delegate haul and his advantages in establishment support and, the real vote-buyer, campaign cash. But math and numbers have never had strong support among the Republican base, so we're guessing that today's elections will exist outside of this framework.

Romney understands his campaign's failure to gain serious conservative traction in the South, with its large evangelical demographics. (He admitted that the contests were "a bit of an away game" for him.) As such, he's stooped to Gingrich-levels of obvious pandering, telling a Mississippi audience last week that he's "learning to say 'y'all' and I like grits, strange things are happening to me." He's also enlisting the support of You Might Be A Redneck luminary Jeff Foxworthy. (See? Foreshadowing, not hate speech!)

What makes the whole situation even more cringeworthy, though, is this: There is some evidence to suggest that these deceitful tactics might actually work. According to Public Policy Polling data, a near-plurality of likely Republican voters in Alabama and Mississippi hold seriously questionable views on Barack Obama, including the pervasive belief that the president is in fact a secret Muslim. It's not a huge leap to imagine that a group of people so fundamentally opposed to Obama that they believe this sort of unsupported fallacy might actually fall victim to the irreconcilable idea that Romney may truly be representative of the Deep South, with its historical poverty and, yes, love of grits.

The Not-Romneys must be hoping that the South asserts its famous independence and refutes Mitt's awkward vote-shopping. It'd take a huge upset to change the campaign narrative. But then, stranger things have happened.

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45%

According to Public Policy Polling, nearly half of likely right-leaning Alabaman voters think that President Obama is a Muslim. In Alabama, meanwhile, some 21 percent think interracial marriage should be illegal.

At Temple, a support system for freshmen

‘Living learning communities’ help students get used to life on campus ◗ LLCs are arranged around majors

The transition to college is challenging for most freshmen — and finding your way in a large school like Temple can feel quite overwhelming.

One program designed to make that transition easier are living learning communities. “We take the first-year seminar that all incoming students take and embed it in the residential life experience,” explains Michele O’Connor, associate vice provost for undergraduate studies at Temple. “It provides a community to support the transition to the university experience.”

Laura Randolph, Temple’s assistant director for residential life, agrees. “College is scary enough,” she says. “If you know going in that these people share your interests, it eases the transition. You don’t have to figure out what you have in common.” Most of the programs are fairly small, with 25 to 70 students, so all the students can live on one or two floors of a dorm together.

In addition to getting students oriented to Temple, the LLCs introduce students to what Philadelphia has to offer. “We can use the whole city as part of the learning experience,” O’Connor says. “We can show students how to apply their interests directly to an urban context.” Performing arts students will visit the Kimmel Center; leadership students might go to City Hall. “This brings what they’re learning alive in real-world context,” O’Connor emphasizes.

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How they work

Academic-based LLCs are arranged by major. Temple has LLCs for people studying music and dance, engineering, business, art and communications; there’s also a group for undecided majors and an LLC for students in the honors program, regardless of major.

Other students choose a theme-based LLC. These include communities committed to leadership, community service, global learning, sustainability and healthy lifestyles. Students in these communities represent a variety of majors and schools within the university.

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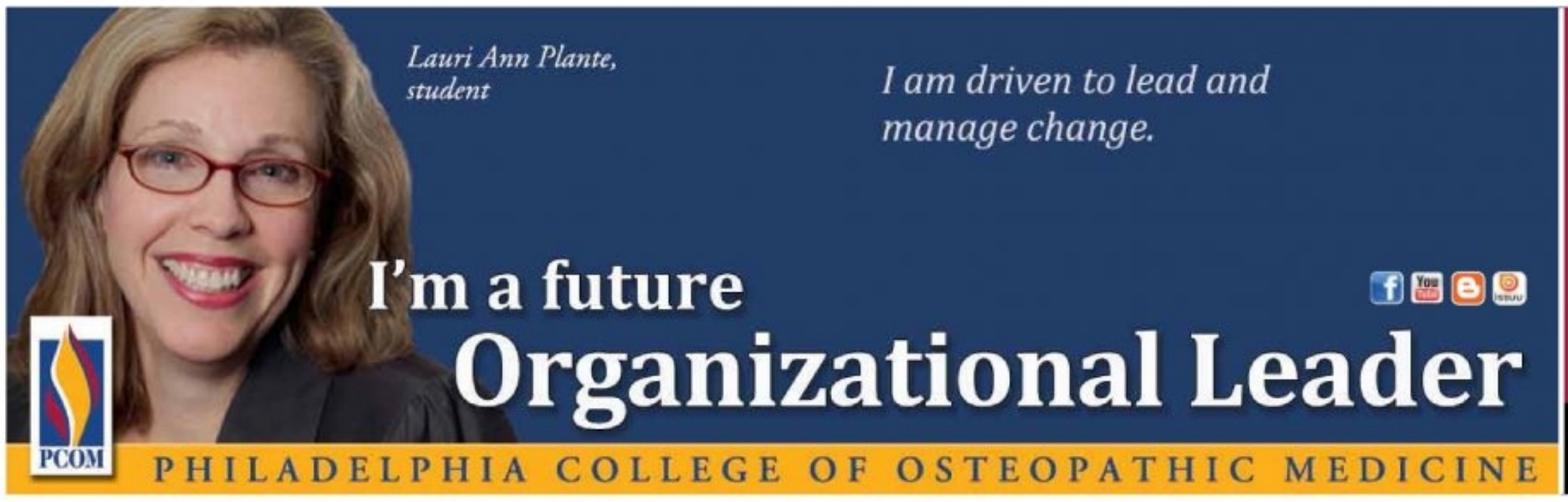
▶ A Temple student took part in the university’s art LLC.



Financing your education?

Before applying for loans, make sure you check into grants, scholarships and financial aid ◗ Also check in with employers' HR ◗ Numerous federal, state programs are out there for prospective students ◗ Keep all options on the table as you search for savings

Pursue grants and scholarships

The big advantage of scholarships and grants is that you don't have to pay back the money — it's given outright. Some scholarships are for tuition only, others cover related expenses like books, housing and so forth. There are three main groups that give scholarships and grants.

The federal government and state governments have numerous programs, most of them based on the student's financial need. The best known of these is the federal Pell Grant, given to undergraduate students. Another area of government aid is for people from community service programs like Americorps, or from the military.

Individual schools usually have grants for their own students. These are somewhat more common in private universities with large endowments, but may be available at public universities as well — for instance, grants for students who transfer from a community college.

Don't rule out financial aid

Don't assume that you make too much money to be eligible for financial aid.

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sure the school has all relevant information at the time of your application. For instance, tell them if you have unusual medical expenses, either as a one-time situation or on an ongoing basis.

Once the financial aid office has made an offer, if you think they're expecting too much as your contribution, you can ask for a reevaluation.

In addition, if your circumstances change — even in the middle of a school year — let the financial aid office know right away. If you (or your spouse or parent) lose your job, for instance, that will obviously have a huge impact on your ability to pay your share.

File your FAFSA

If you haven't already done so, file your taxes as soon as possible. You'll need information from your tax return to fill out a FAFSA. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is the form you use to apply for all financial aid, not just federal but state and school-specific. You can find the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

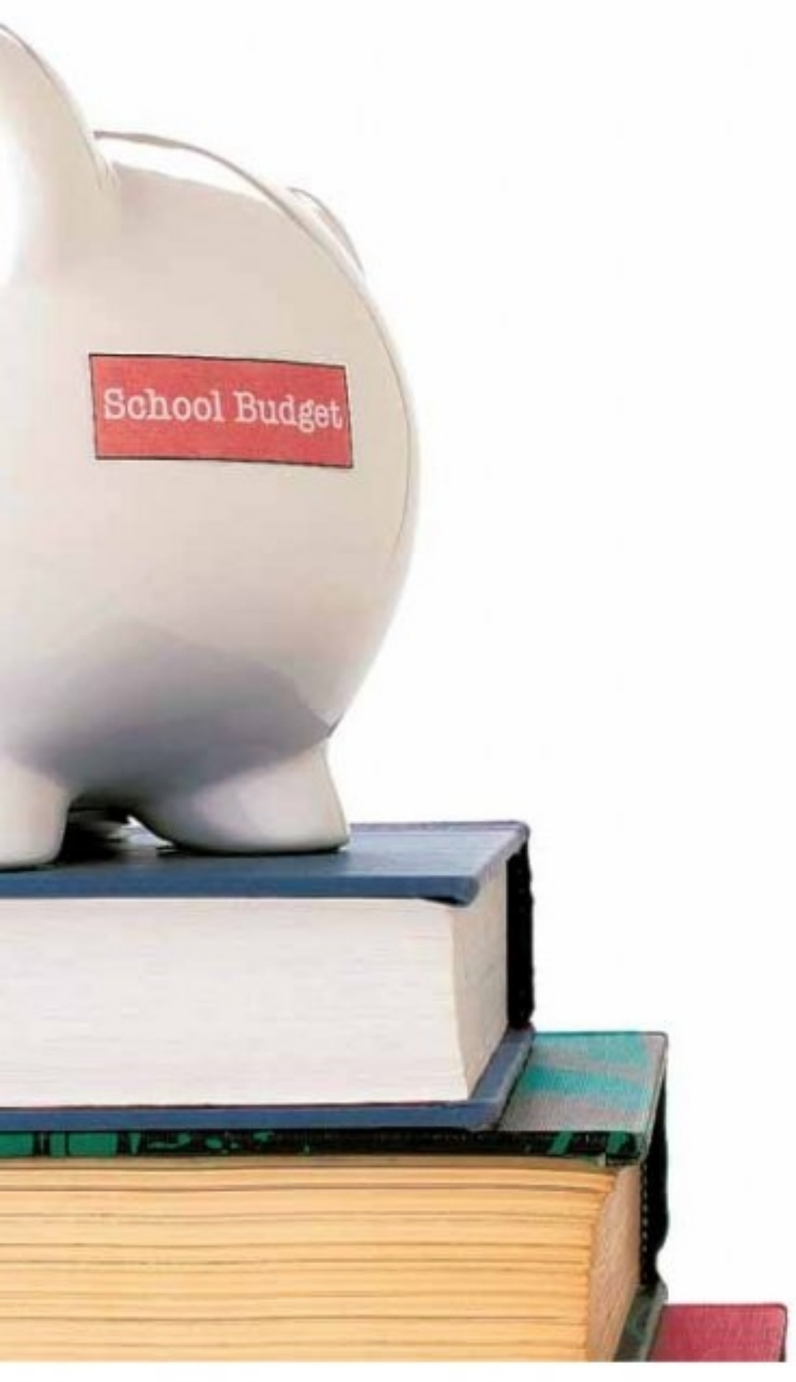
The due date to be considered for federal financial aid is June 30. The deadline in Pennsylvania is May 1, except for some two-year programs, which have an August 1 deadline. In New Jersey, the deadline is June 1.

Check in with your employer

Many companies and unions offer tuition assistance. Some plans assist not only the employee, but his or her spouse or children. Others cover only the employee, and sometimes only cover courses that the employee takes to improve his or her job skills.

Check with the human resources department to find out:

- Who is covered
- What courses, programs and schools are eligible
- What the financial arrangements are (does the company pay the school directly, or do you have to pay tuition and fees up front, getting reimbursed after the term?)
- Other terms and limitations (does the student have to achieve a certain minimum grade?)



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Peirce College gets a creative makeover

Center City school doesn't have space to close entire buildings for rehab ◗ But their 10-year plan to remodel has paid off ◗ Floor-by-floor, rehab began

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▶ Peirce's library won an award from the General Building Contractors Association.

Most colleges have enough space that they can rehabilitate buildings — or even build new ones — without too much disruption to campus routine. Peirce College in Center City doesn't have that luxury.

They have a seven-story building constructed near Broad and Pine and five adjoining row houses. In a crowded neighborhood, there's no room to build, and since it's a historic district, there are strict limits on what they can do to the existing buildings. Finding the time to do renovations is as difficult as finding the space.

"It's a challenge," says Vito Chimenti, Peirce's chief auxiliary services officer, who oversees the building and operations. "But this is something the students deserve. Teaching and learning are the priorities."

The solution was a 10-year plan that Chimenti and his team developed in consultation with the faculty and staff. They rehabbed one floor at a time, with each floor being completely taken apart and put back together on a tight schedule over the course of a summer.

"We create temporary office space in classrooms on another floor, move the offices there, open the space and rebuild, then move everything back, all between early May and the end of August," Chimenti explains. "There's no room in the schedule for delays, we have to be done before school starts again."

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Peirce fun fact

The original 1895 Peirce College building was used as the exterior of St. Andrews Academy in "The Sixth Sense."

Design won an award

The last floor completed was the seventh-floor library, which won a prize for Best Industrial/ Institutional Project under $5 million from the General Building Contractors Association. The judges said: "It was an extremely intricate design and was well executed. This project was selected for the difficulty in construction."

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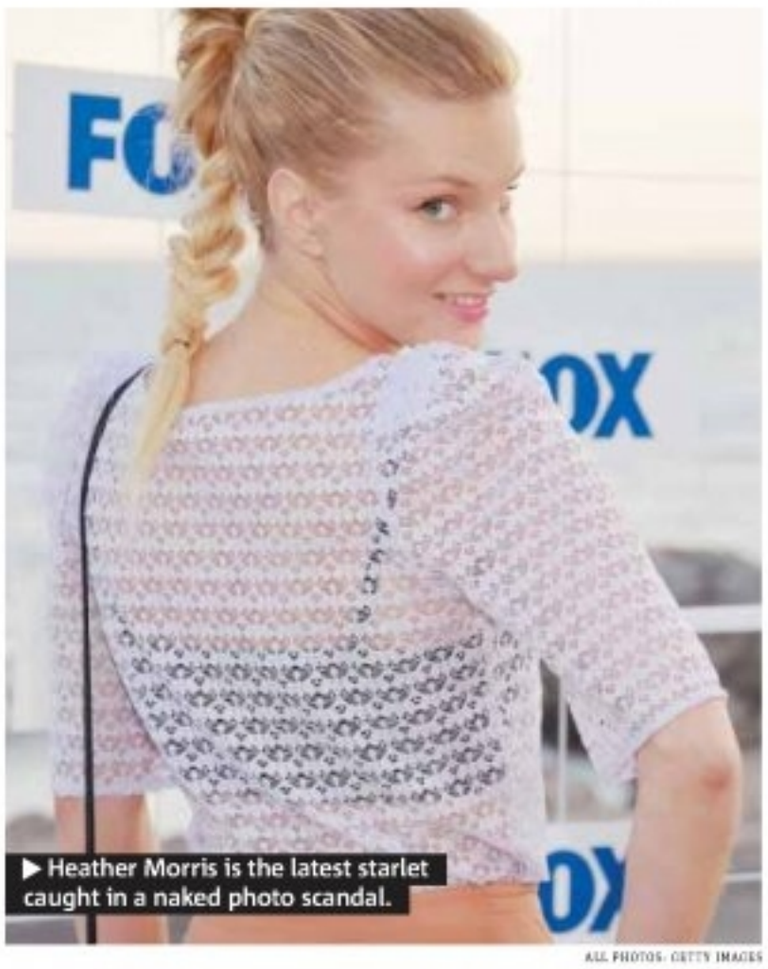
Heather Morris naked? Yawn.

Nude photo "scandals" are becoming about as fun to write about as celebrity divorces. (Meaning: They're becoming a dime a dozen.)

The latest celebrity to fall victim to a phone hacking scandal? "Glee" star **Heather Morris**. A week after **Olivia Munn** and "Mad Men" star **Christina Hendricks** were hacked, naked photos of Morris in various risque, naked poses were leaked on Sunday night. There's been no comment from Morris' team regarding the leak.

Before I jump into a few thoughts on this: Yes, I'm paid to think about the implications of nudie pics, and yes, my parents are very proud of me. Now then. Why are these pictures always nude self-portraits? And where are the pics they (should) be receiving in return? Honestly, by now aren't you all as bored of these "leaks" as I am? The only way this news will become exciting again is when a star's phone gets hacked and it'll have nude photos of other people on it.



▶ Heather Morris is the latest starlet caught in a naked photo scandal.

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What Ferrell thought about Lohan

So just what did one of the most famous veterans of "Saturday Night Live" think about **Lindsay Lohan**'s infamous hosting ability two weeks ago? To hear **Will Ferrell** tell it, she didn't do as badly as everyone thinks.

"I only saw little blips on the monologue," said the star during an interview with Metro to promote his new movie, "Casa de Mi Padre." "It seemed fine. I mean, I think anytime you can poke fun at yourself, I think the audience totally appreciates it and finds it endearing. I thought it was a good, funny move on her part."

As for Ferrell returning to "SNL" for a hosting gig? It's always a possibility.

"You know, we're always being asked, every year, and it just depends. [I'm] always up for it, but it's just a question of schedule," he says.

— With additional reporting by Meredith Engel

Ferrell

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Joan Rivers isn't a fan of kids on planes, Dolly Parton is OK with a little bit of craziness, Chris Colfer is thinking about the past and Steve Martin is lying.

@Joan_Rivers
Just read that Jet Blue kicked a family off a flight when their 2-year-old had a tantrum. They are officially my favorite airline!

@Dolly_Parton
I think that all creative people are a little bit nuts.

@chriscolfer
I wonder, in lieu of texting, if anyone ever sent drunk pigeon messages back in the day...

@SteveMartinToGo
Got my first gray hair today.

Colfer

Talking points

McConaughey hearts Texas

Matthew McConaughey recently moved his family from L.A. to Austin, Texas, and he couldn't be happier with the decision. "No one recognizes you and no one asks you, 'Hey, what do you do?' — because I don't think anyone cares," he explained during a speech at the Texas Film Hall of Fame awards, according to People magazine. "My mother-in-law from Brazil has traveled around the world, and we've lived in Los Angeles and New York," McConaughey said during his presentation. "She says to me the other day, 'In L.A., people will walk on your back and stand on your shoulders to get where they are going; in New York, they will just pull out a gun and tell you they will kill you. Here in Texas, everybody walks together.'"

▶ McConaughey

Madonna on juggling it all

It's not easy being a single mother and having a career — not even for **Madonna**. "I'm not going to lie — it's hard work having four kids and doing all the work I do," she tells the Sun. "It's a challenge juggling everything — multitasking is my middle name. I try to express that." As for rebounding after her separation from ex-husband **Guy Ritchie**? "Sometimes I cope with it very well, sometimes it's a struggle," she says.

The Queen is a big jokester?

While most wouldn't think of the British Royal Family as a humorous bunch, **Prince Harry** insists there are a lot of laughs out of the public view. "She is very funny, but I think she gets it from my grandfather. They are very funny together," Harry tells the Telegraph about his grandmother, **Queen Elizabeth II**. "My family is the same as any other family when it comes to humor behind closed doors, though I'd like to think I was funnier than my grandmother."

▶ Queen Elizabeth II

Yes, it's true: Berry is engaged

Olivier Martinez and **Halle Berry** have kept fairly mum on their engagement, but Martinez is happy to confirm the happy news. "Yes, of course we're engaged," he tells Miami.com. at the opening of his new restaurant, Villa Azur. There are some things that Martinez would like to clear up, though: "There is a jeweler taking credit for doing the ring and it's a lie," he says. "They have nothing to do with this."

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John Varvatos threw one heck of a fundraiser ... and other pics for your Tuesday

1. Emily VanCamp attended The Paley Center for Media's PaleyFest 2012 honoring her show "Revenge" at Saban Theatre on Sunday in Beverly Hills, Calif.

2. Musician **Dave Matthews** performed onstage during John Varvatos' ninth annual Stuart House benefit, which raises funds for the rape treatment center at the Santa Monica-UCLA hospital, at Varvatos' flagship LA store in California on Sunday.

3. Leslie Mann and her husband, producer and director **Judd Apatow**, also attended the Stuart House benefit.

4. Guess who else was there? Actor **Justin Theroux** (doesn't he ever get warm wearing multi-layers in California?).

5. Rachel Zoe showed off her best accessory, her son Skyler Morrison Berman, at the event.

6. Best buds! **Kelly Ripa** and **Anderson Cooper** attended a screening of the new film "Bully" at the Crosby Street Hotel on Sunday in New York City.

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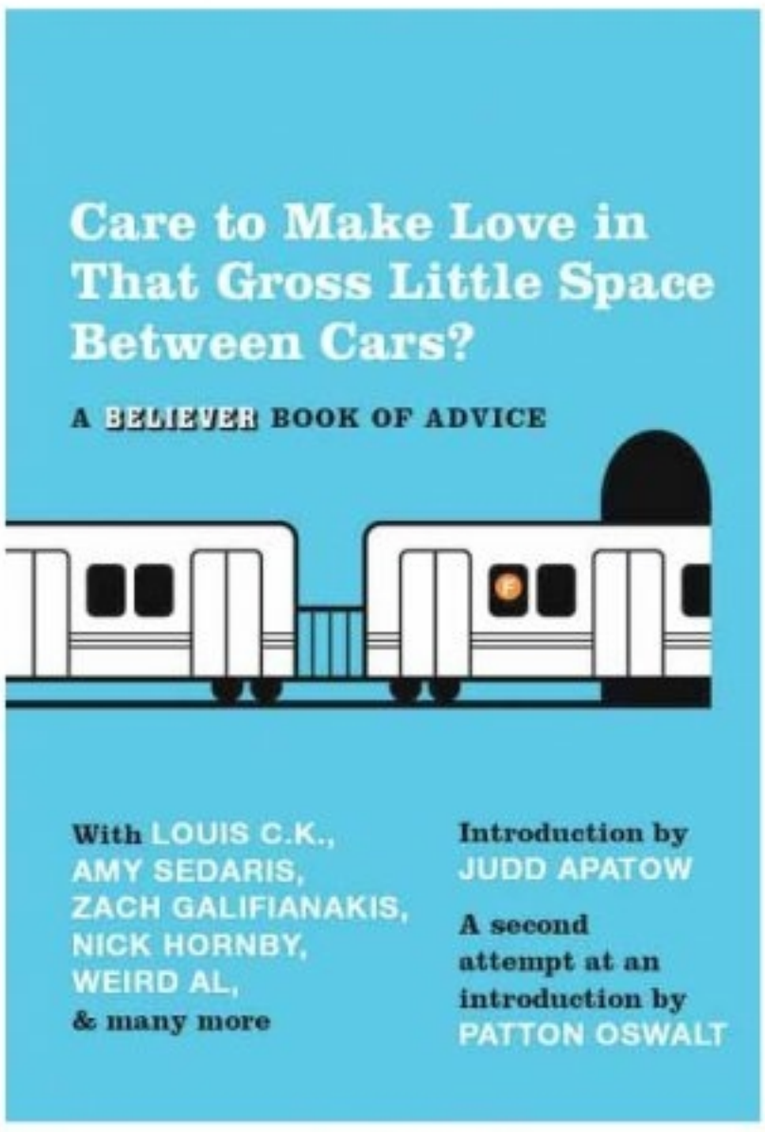
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Advice you can't trust

In The Believer's 'Care to Make Love In That Gross Little Space Between Cars?' writers, actors, cartoonists and musicians dish out their best nonguidance ◗ Mike Sacks on the cutthroat world of bad advice writing

Even the co-editor behind "Care to Make Love in That Gross Little Space Between Cars?" — The Believer magazine's new collection of advice from famous comedy writers, actors, producers and directors — knows to never, ever trust what's in the pages of the book.

"I don't think anyone should take this to heart," says co-editor Mike Sacks drolly. "It is all meant as a gag; most of the advice is not particularly good. But it's very funny."

And it should be. From a crotchety Louis C.K. offering guidance on whether or not to grow a mustache to Nick Hornby sharing his best song to make love to, "Care to Make Love in That Gross Little Space Between Cars?" is a compendium of the best and brightest of the comedy and writing worlds.

Quoted

"I don't think anyone should take this to heart. It is all meant as a gag; most of the advice is not particularly good. But it's very funny."
MIKE SACKS

But Sacks says that just because someone with a famous name was asked to contribute to the collection, it doesn't mean their submission is actually in the book. "We cut some pretty famous writers and performers," claims Sacks, who declined to name names. "I was surprised. Many writers are great at what they do, but they can't do this form of humor."

One who could? Author and essayist George Saunders. "His mind is so amazing," praises Sacks. "Just by answering a few questions, you can see why he's so good," he continues. "He's the one who came up with the title, 'Care to Make Love in That Gross Little Space Between Cars?' It was in one of his answers and we just used it for the title because it was so perfect."

No cancer jokes, please

Editors Mike Sacks and Eric Spitznagel were in charge of gathering the book's advice-seeking questions. It wasn't easy. "It has to be a certain type of question," claims Sacks. "It can't be, 'My mom just died of cancer — can you help me?' We needed questions that weren't too personal." Luckily, they received plenty of contributions. "A lot of people want Zach Galifianakis or Dave Eggers to answer their questions. It's fun for them, too."

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▶ From left, Johnson, Farrar, James (or Yames, if you will) and Parker recorded "New Multitudes," the unpublished songs of Woody Guthrie.

Woody Guthrie wasn't just the voice of a generation — he was the voice of several generations. Known reverently as America's premier folk singer, he was the voice of the people, the voice of protest and a voice of peace. He not only wrote classic original songs like "This Land Is Your Land," but also kept traditional tunes alive and relevant in our nation's historical repertoire.

It is within this history of retelling the tales of others that the recent "New Multitudes" record came to be. Paying homage to Woody, with his centennial birthday approaching, four of America's most earnest troubadours united to honor him by recording an album of his previously unreleased songs and taking those tunes on the road for a brief American tour.

First conceived by Jay Farrar (Uncle Tupelo, Son Volt, Gob Iron) back in 1995 as a potential collaboration between he and Billy Bragg, the idea fell through and his old Tupelo bandmate Jeff Tweedy pursued the project with Bragg instead.

"I don't know what happened," says Farrar of the Wilco frontman. "But frankly I don't really care, which is important."

A decade later, Farrar, together with Anders Parker (also of Gob Iron), received the blessing of Woody's daughter, Nora, to browse the Guthrie archives and record more unreleased material. Farrar says the archives occupied just a few rooms, but they were filled with material. "It was essentially a repository of all things Woody," he says.

Farrar says Guthrie's importance can't be overstated: "You can draw a flowchart with people that Woody Guthrie influenced along the way," he says. "Woody was the first guy who could change the world through music."

Humbling feelings

After recording tracks with Parker, Farrar expanded the band with My Morning Jacket's Jim James (who for this project goes by Yim Yames) and Will Johnson (Centro-Matic, South San Gabriel).

▶ "This is one of the most humbling feelings I've ever experienced," says Johnson. "It is truly one of the highest honors. ... Woody Guthrie was always important to me as a kid, thanks to my folks and my grandparents and adults around me. By 1997, I really started exploring deeper into how complex and encompassing he was on all life levels. I always kind of thought that Woody was one of the original punk rockers. ... He was looking death straight in the eye and not afraid of it."

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Selling the next 'Fashion Star'

Buyers at Saks Fifth Avenue, Macy's and H&M put their eye for great style to the test in the new reality competition that places winning clothing on the racks of their stores the next day

"Fashion Star," the newest reality competition series on NBC, is an on-demand fashion show. The winning clothing sent down the catwalk by aspiring designers one night hits racks at H&M, Macy's and Saks Fifth Avenue the very next morning.

So how do these designers win the approval — and buying power — of such iconic retailers? The people making those decisions, bidding against each other for new looks during each episode, weigh in.

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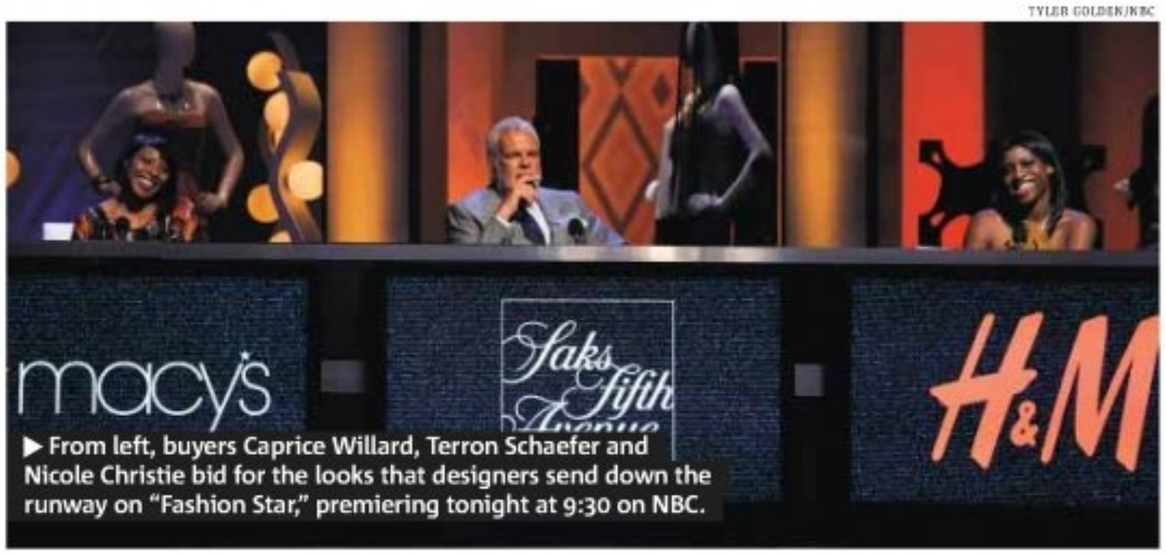

▶ From left, buyers Caprice Willard, Terron Schaefer and Nicole Christie bid for the looks that designers send down the runway on "Fashion Star," premiering tonight at 9:30 on NBC.

Terron Schaefer

buyer at Saks Fifth Avenue

"It is all about contemporary fashion," Schaefer explains. "This is a whole new concept in terms of television. Most reality shows, or all reality shows up until now, you vote with your telephone. But this one, you vote with your wallet, and you wear the winner tomorrow."

Caprice Willard

buyer at Macy's

"I think the thing to understand is that 'Fashion Star' gives us all an opportunity to have high fashion be accessible to every American," Willard says. "[Each retailer] represents different aspects of the American consumer, so that particular design may have a difference in use in each of our stores. But the essence of the item will be perfectly represented, whether it's in Macy's, Saks or H&M."

Nicole Christie

buyer at H&M

"We were really looking for a designer that had range and could bring something new to the runway," Christie says. "At the end of the day, the design speaks for itself. I think it's quite natural that we had some competition up there when bidding for garments on the runway every week."

Celebrity mentors

Jessica Simpson, Nicole Richie and John Varvatos serve as celebrity mentors to the designer contestants. What tips were they hoping to pass along to the next "Fashion Star"?

▶ "We really wanted to mentor all of these designers for having a lifestyle brand," says Simpson, "not just trying to set trends, but to weave in and out of great trends, really making a name for yourself."

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Style

Madonna's Truth or Dare shoe line

Madonna's venture into the fashion world continues to grow. The queen of pop has partnered with Aldo Group Inc. for a new footwear collection called Truth or Dare. Featuring 60 styles, including flats, heels and boots, the collection will hit stores this fall.

TINA CHADHA

The line will be available at Macy's and Nordstrom and range from $89-$349.

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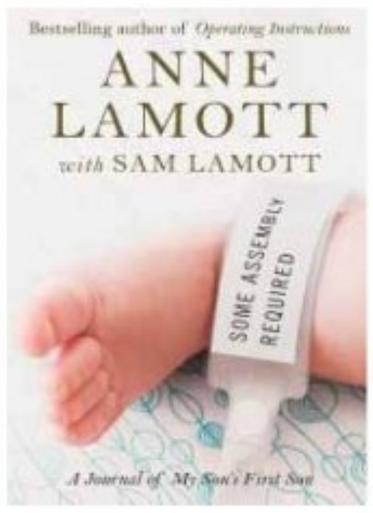
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A mother's — and then a grandmother's — first year

Anne Lamott's 'Operating Instructions' led a generation through becoming parents ◗ Now her son has a son ◗ She helps him figure out how to be a parent — while she learns to be a grandparent — in new book

▶ Anne and Sam Lamott's "Some Assembly Required" can be seen as a sequel of sorts to Lamott's adored 1993 memoir "Operating Instructions."

SAM LAMOTT

Before there was such a thing as a "mommy blogger," there was writer Anne Lamott, whose 1993 confessional memoir "Operating Instructions: A Journal of My Son's First Year" — which detailed all the messy and joyous ins and outs of having a baby — was a huge best-seller. Now, 19 years later, she's written (with help from her young son, Sam) a follow-up of sorts: "Some Assembly Required: A Journal of My Son's First Son," about the first year of her grandson Jax's life.

Lamott says she thought of writing "Some Assembly Required," although "not in any kind of meaningful way," and that it was her editor and Sam who pushed her to follow through with it. "I thought, 'I don't want to do it, I'd already done it,'" she remembers. "But when I mentioned it to Sam, he had so much enthusiasm for it. 'Operating Instructions' made such a difference to Sam's sense of self — he says in the preface that he can feel my heart when he reads it — [and that] made me want to do it."

"Operating Instructions" is a love letter to Sam, and the same can be said for "Some Assembly Required" and Jax — the little baby is very much at the heart of the memoir. Like any first-time grandparent, "I fell so desperately, pathetically in love with him," recalls Lamott. Accordingly a big component of "Some Assembly Required" is her struggle with letting go of control of Sam and his girlfriend Amy's parenting process. "They get to do what I did," she says, "which is raise my kid as I see fit. But if I got to, I'd either run alongside Sam and Jax or I'd be behind them in my car trying to throw them off my scent, with a newspaper between me and the wheel. But you don't get to; you really have to let them go."

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A new (surprise) arrival

The arrival of Jax was a surprise to everyone involved, and Lamott says she had to comes to terms with being a grandmother a lot sooner than she expected. "Sam and I are quite close, and I'd always looked forward with enthusiasm to becoming a grandmother someday, in, say, 10 years from now," she writes in the preface. "Amy was 20 when she delivered, and Sam was 19. They're both a little young, but who asked me?"

How Sam helped

Sam's contribution comes by way of his mother interviewing him, or through e-mails he would send her. "A lot of the interviews were natural," she says. "He's very sweet. He'd call to check in and I'd say, 'Wait, wait! Let me get my laptop!' and I'd start scribbling notes and get it verbatim because it would be, to me, very profound."

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Faith: Between you and your maker

RE: "PROUD KIRK CAMERON SUPPORTER SPEAKS": To E. Taylor and others who recently wrote in about Kirk Cameron: Both my partner of 36 years and I are churchgoing Christians and take great umbrage to people quoting the Bible for their own limited view of the world. Leviticus calls for any woman caught in an adulterous affair to be taken out and stoned. Is anyone concerned that we don't do that anymore? Must we follow ancient laws for a patriarchal, agricultural and largely nomadic society?
ROGER GORDON, VIA E-MAIL

E. Taylor, I feel sorry for you that the god you have chosen for yourself is a fallible one. My God, however, does not make mistakes. If you truly believe that the Bible was presented verbatim from heaven, then why do you rely on a translation of a translation? The Old Testament was not introduced in the antiquated Old English of the King James, nor the prose of the ancient Greek Septuagint, but in the Semitic dialect of the Hebrew tribes. If you want to spout and tout sensationalist Bible teachings, learn the book in its original language.
MATT TURCHIN, VIA E-MAIL

Since I was created gay by God, who never makes mistakes, what is there to repent?
BOB SIKSO, VIA E-MAIL

Homosexuality is present in many species in nature and has been present in mankind for centuries; so yes, it is normal. The Bible is a work of man and is a product of its era. If we condemn homosexuality, we must also condemn eating shrimp and wearing mixed fibers on the same level. The Bible remains a convenient excuse for bigots to oppress homosexuals, wallowing in the cloak of "faith."
DANIELLE TREMBLAY, VIA E-MAIL

It's fine to imagine a space-ghost sent telepathic messages to hundreds of people for a thousand years to cobble the Bible. But no one has the right to shove their delusions upon those who don't share in them or to force others to behave in a manner they've arbitrarily adopted as "truth."
THOMAS FERRUGIA, VIA E-MAIL

Kirk Cameron spoke the truth: The Holy Bible speaks against homosexuality. I completely support Cameron because he was bold enough to say it. The opposition to his statement shows that anyone who supports homosexuality has a double standard; they say they want tolerance but they are extremely intolerant. They have a problem with anyone who opposes their liberal views. They aren't just mad at Kirk Cameron, they are mad because the Bible has spoken out against them. In a way it doesn't make sense, because all they have to do is come to the Bible with an open mind and they will find that the Bible doesn't condemn them personally but it condemns their actions and gives them the remedy to change or seek help if they are humble enough to ask for it.
JOHN HEMPHILL, VIA E-MAIL

My opinion on Cameron's faith is simple: More power to him. I hope he finds someone he can love and spend the rest of his life with. As for his religion, what he believes is between him and God, and any harm such inflicts is on his conscience.
JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Something in which you've been involved has greater potential than you realize. Fortunately, you'll become aware of its total value and do something about it.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Make your judgment calls based on what you like as well as on tactics that have worked for you before. If it was a winner in the past, chances are it will be again.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Your leadership qualities are likely to be accentuated. Others will do as you ask, not because of any commands you make but because you'll inspire them to do so.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** It'll be the things you unselfishly do for others that will yield you some surprising benefits. Whatever you do from the goodness of your heart will be justly rewarded.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** If you get the chance, spend the day with a friend in whom you can confide. It can be very helpful to thrash things out with someone who has your best interests at heart.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Your manner allows others to feel comfortable in your presence, making you easy to work with. Those who join up with you could end up achieving something they couldn't do on their own.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** A better-than-average cycle for developing new friends and/or social contacts is opening up for you at this point in time. Make the most of it by getting out and mingling with new people.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** You could be extremely adept in helping others sort out their problems. If asked, don't hesitate to offer what you think might be a good solution to someone in need.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Don't hesitate to take a firm stance on an issue about which you are extremely familiar. Eventually those who think differently will see the light.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Someone who needs the skill and knowledge you possess will be approaching you for help. Be reasonable about the fees you charge for your services.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Instead of looking at life too seriously, think of it as a game to be played that you'd like to win. If you follow the rules, it can be both fun and productive at the same time.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** You're likely to have a great deal of strength and inner resolve upon which to draw. If you make the most of it, it will not only serve you well but also act as an inspiration to others. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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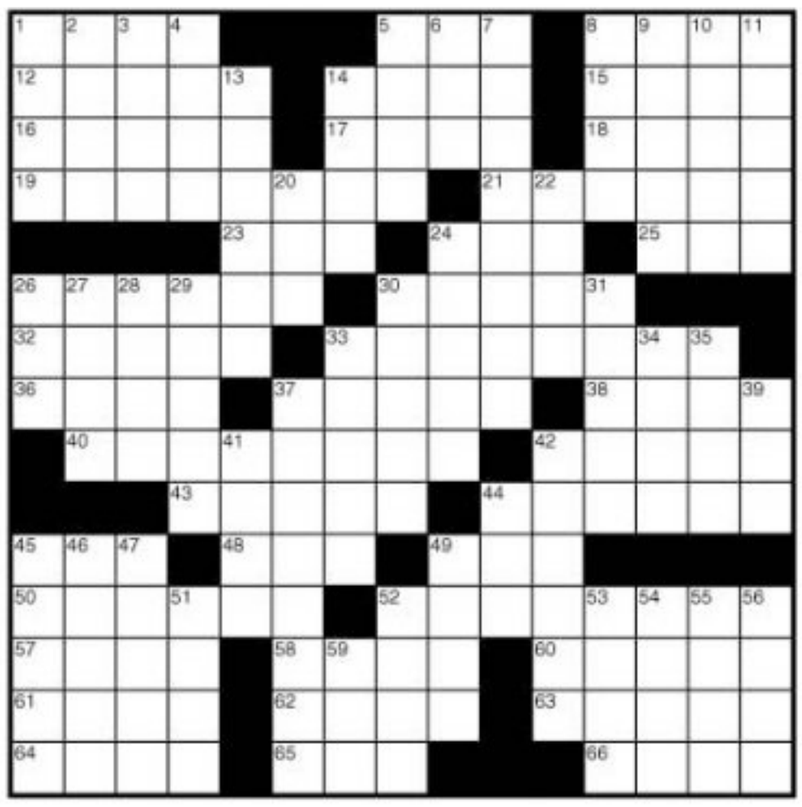

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▶ Abaco Beach Resort

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Getting there

Abaco is just a 50-minute flight serviced by major and regional air carriers out of Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Orlando and St. Augustine.

What to do

▶ Lincoln Jones

Boats, boats, boats

You don't have to arrive via boat to get to the Abacos, but you need to get one to fully experience it. A little geography lesson: The Abacos are comprised of the main islands of Great Abaco and Little Abaco (where most of the commerce is located). These are surrounded by 11 smaller, beautiful cays. If you have a little boating experience, you can rent a boat for a day to visit them. Or you can seek out legendary local Lincoln Jones, who will take you fishing as well as lobster spearing and snorkeling. He'll then host you for a deserted beach fish fry to cook up your catch (www.go-abacos.com/lincoln).

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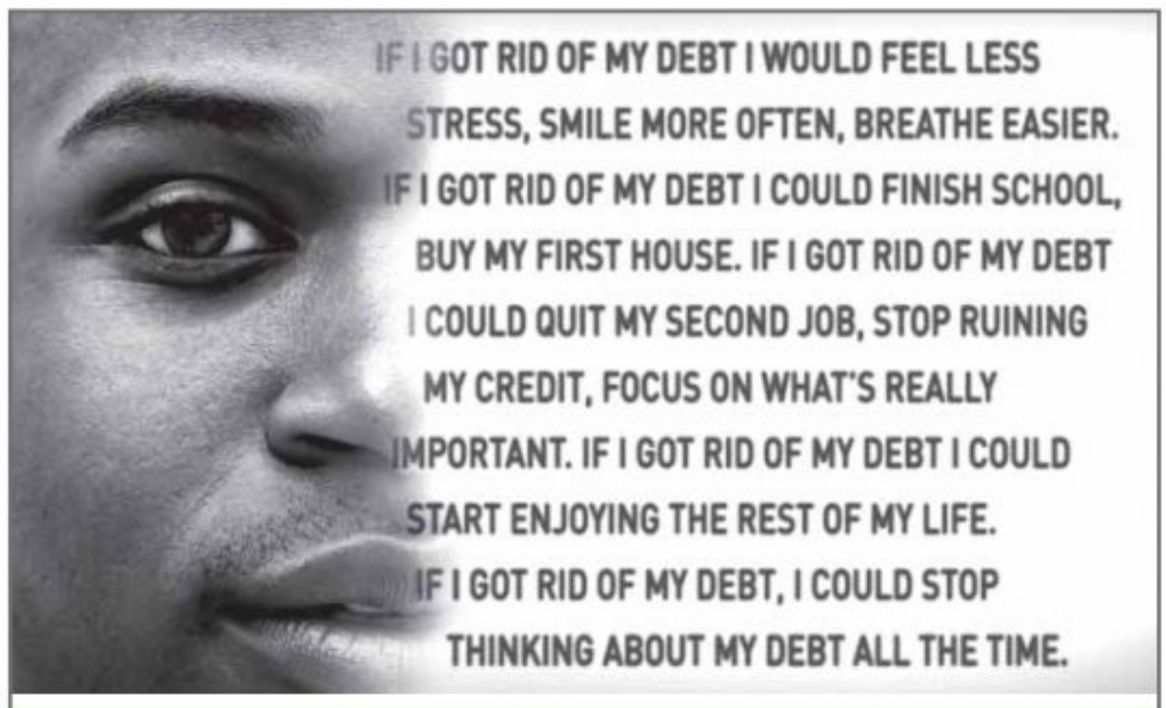
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THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

'HYSTERICAL' BOSTON FANS DON'T GET IT

Jonathan Papelbon created a media firestorm — with my help — when he said Philadelphia baseball fans are smarter than their counterparts in Boston. He was looking right at me when he said it, and I nodded. Because, of course, he was right.

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Who could have guessed that Boston would react so outrageously to the comment, returning fire with shrill verbal assaults that proved the point? By the end of a busy week, The Boston Globe was defaming Philadelphia by rolling out a 2-year-old vomiting incident, and sports station WEEI was ripping little old me.

As someone who grew up 40 miles outside of Boston and covered both the Celtics and the Red Sox for years back in the 1980s, I can say with total conviction that Papelbon was correct in comparing us favorably to Boston.

Quoted

I'm not being a homer when I say Philadelphia has no rival.

The word Papelbon used during our interview in Clearwater last week that best described Boston and its passion for the Red Sox was "hysterical." The fans treat victories like a sacred affirmation of their superiority, and losses like a personal insult. In close games, they clutch their hands together in prayer, or cover their eyes. These people desperately need to get a life.

We love sports in Philadelphia every bit as much as they do, but there is more balance in our approach, more logic. We are much more vocal negatively when our players fail us — just ask Ilya Bryzgalov — but we don't react idiotically when someone offers a fair and honest appraisal. And sorry, newspaper nitwits, one stupid fan throwing up on an 11-year-old girl in 2010 has no bearing on this discussion.

If I have one criticism of Papelbon's remarks, it is that they didn't go far enough. The fans of our pro teams are savvier than those in Boston, or in any other North American city. Before my radio career, I spent 15 years in the U.S. and Canada covering teams in every major sport, and I'm not being a homer when I say Philadelphia has no rival.

That's why, as I was sitting across from Papelbon and unwittingly started the controversy simply by asking him to compare the two cities, I was not at all surprised by the pitcher's response. He spoke the truth, simply and concisely. To lessen the blow to Boston, he even added that it might be because our team plays in the more tactical National League.

I was highly amused when the morning-radio hosts at WEEI leveled an attack against me last Friday, suggesting that I had goaded Papelbon into the statements because of my own personal bias against New England. This is exactly what Papelbon meant when he called the people "hysterical" up there. If they had bothered to listen to the interview, they would know how absurd that accusation was.

In the past 15 years, I have been approached twice by WEEI to work the morning shift at that station, and I have rejected both overtures. Do I really need to tell you why? Because Philadelphia is a smarter sports city than Boston, that's why.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.*

Turner rising to occasion

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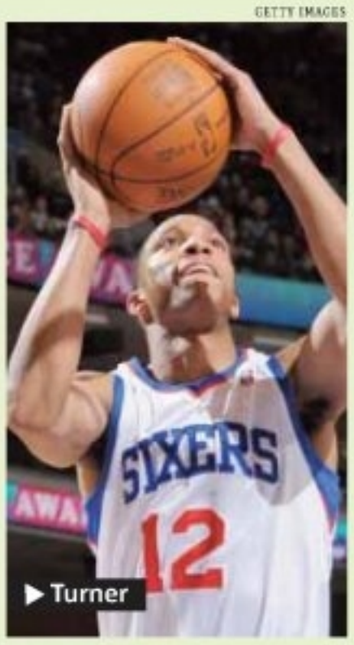

▶ Turner

Evan Turner may not be a bust after all. The No. 2 pick in the 2010 draft found his game just when it appeared that all hope for him had evaporated. How could this happen? I'll tell you how. Coach Doug Collins finally accepted the truth about Jrue Holiday.

And the truth is that Holiday cannot defend the best scoring point guards in the NBA. Just check with Tony Parker (37 points), Derrick Rose (35), Deron Williams (34) and Brandon Jennings (33). Heck, even ancient Andre Miller scored a season-high 28 against Holiday. With Holiday and equally inept Jodie Meeks working in the backcourt, the Sixers were helpless against the better guard tandems.

Enter Turner, who is listed as the shooting guard in the new backcourt, but we know better. Turner not only plays a more tenacious defensive style, he is bigger and tougher when the play moves inside. He may be the best rebounding guard the Sixers have ever had.

Let me be the first to admit I had given up on Turner. Well, at least now the truth is emerging. Turner needs to play, and he needs the ball in his hands a lot more. That was the lesson of last week. Give Turner the ball on offense, and assign him the best scoring guard on defense.

No one can say for sure yet where this all leads for Turner, but one thought keeps recurring after his best week in the NBA. Is it possible, after months of lamenting the lack of a real star on the Sixers, he was here all along?

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▶ Andy Reid shot down any Peyton Manning speculation.

No Peyton in Philly

As usual, Andy Reid ruined all the fun. After one full day of blissful speculation, Eagles fans were informed, in no uncertain terms, that the coach would not be bidding for the services of the best QB in the past decade, Peyton Manning.

Reid then added his usual insult to the occasion. He made it sound as if the decision not to pursue Manning was a no-brainer.

"We're obviously happy with Michael [Vick]," he said. Reid didn't specify whether he was most happy about Vick's ranking as the 14th best quarterback in the NFL last season, or his 18 turnovers, or his three games missed because of injuries.

Obviously?

Has there really been anything about Vick's performance in the past season and a half that merits the faith Reid is showing?

Imagine Manning checking off bad play-calls at the line, running an efficient two-minute drill or preventing the chronic squandering of timeouts. It's not obvious that the coach needs help in these areas? Really?

Andy Reid is facing the most important season in Philadelphia, and already he is closing his mind. Signing Peyton Manning might just have been Reid's last, best chance to save his job.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 **In Ilya we trust — wait a minute.** The most puzzling player in recent Philadelphia sports history is Ilya Bryzgalov of the Flyers. How can a goalie that bad suddenly be this good? Is it too soon to say the $51 million he's getting may be a bargain. Yeah, I thought so. Definitely too soon.

2 **Rooting for Dontrelle.** Dontrelle Willis said an amazing thing the other day. Trying to make the Phillies' roster in a last-ditch attempt to save his career, he said he felt blessed to have played the game. "How many people can say they got to be a big leaguer?" he asked. No one deserves a break more.

3 **Welcome home, Pat.** The new Sixers owners are having a terrific rookie season, but it was great to see former team president Pat Croce charge onto the court before the Sixers crushed Boston. No sports executive has ever inspired people the way Pat Croce did, and none ever will again.

Spring time

Worley perfect in spring start

Vance Worley tossed four no-hit innings yesterday in a 4-1 win over Pittsburgh.

The right-hander retired all 12 men he faced while striking out eight and walking none in his second spring outing.

Hector Luna and Jimmy Rollins did the heavy lifting with a pair of solo homers. The Pirates didn't get their first hit until the seventh, a single off David Herndon.

The Phillies will take on the Houston Astros today at 1:05 p.m. Cole Hamels is scheduled to make his third Grapefruit League start.

2012 NCAA TOURNAMENT: BREAKING DOWN THE BRACKET

Midwest Region

Best player you probably know:

Harrison Barnes, UNC. The 6-foot-8 swingman is one of three projected lottery picks for the No. 1 Tar Heels. Barnes is the most NBA ready after leading UNC in points (17.4) and 3-point percentage (.377).

Best player you don't know:

Matthew Dellavedova, Saint Mary's. He's the heart, soul and mind for the upstart Gaels. The Aussie import led the Gaels in points (15.6), assists (6) and carries a 3.61 GPA.

Second round matchup we want:

Temple vs. Michigan. The pace could be frenzied — so don't blink — when two of the best backcourts in the country go at it, highlighted by Temple's Juan Fernandez and Michigan's Trey Burke.

Fun with names:

Staats Battle, NC State. The frosh guard probably won't see any minutes but the name is legit. Plus, his bio tells us that his father and sister are UNC grads and his grandparents attended Duke. Awkward.

On upset alert:

Georgetown. The committee did them no favors with No. 14 (and trendy bracket-buster) Belmont. The Bruins enter on a 14-game winning streak and took Duke to the wire in a 77-76 defeat at Cameron Indoor.

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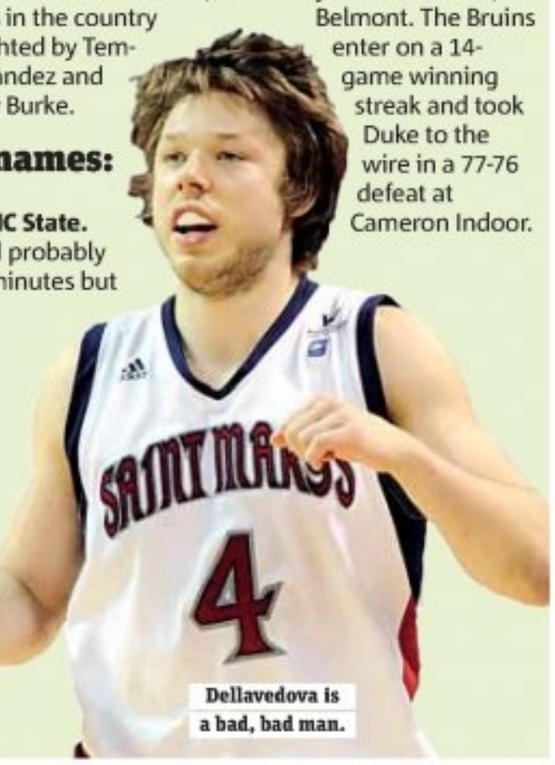
▶ Barnes



Dellavedova is a bad, bad man.

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▶ Davis could very well be the NBA's No. 1 lottery pick.

South Region

Best player you probably know:

Anthony Davis, Kentucky. Despite his unibrow, Davis is the leading candidate for Player of the Year. He's a beast defensively and shows a nice face-up game for a 7-footer. If you're an NBA fan, he'll be this year's top pick.

Best player you don't know:

Nate Wolters, South Dakota St. He's averaging 21 points, six assists and five rebounds per game. He's gone for 30-plus six times this year, including 34 at Pac-12 regular season champs Washington. If you're looking for this year's Jimmer Fredette, Wolters is your man.

Second round matchup we want:

Kentucky vs. UConn. UConn has to get by a game ISU squad, but Calipari and Calhoun in the second round is almost too much to handle. There are at least four NBA lottery picks in this game (Davis, Kidd-Gilchrist, Drummond, Lamb).

Fun with names:

Shabazz Napier, UConn. His name is just like his game — stylish, but a little clumsy. He'll play a big role if UConn is going to advance.

On upset alert:

Wichita St. VCU isn't your average No. 12 seed. Shaka Smart's team brings tournament experience and the confidence to beat a fellow mid-major in the first round.

West Region

Best player you probably know:

Phil Pressey, Missouri. The son of NBA great Paul Pressey usually plays Robin to Kim English's Batman, but his 23-point outburst vs. Texas in the Big 12 tournament may have been his coming-out party.

Best player you don't know:

Casper Ware, Long Beach St. He might be the best mid-major guard in the entire country. Ware, who resembles the Energizer Bunny, went 8-of-16 from beyond the arc in the Big West championship game.

Second round matchup we want:

Murray State vs. Marquette. The Golden Eagles are dangerous with Big East Player of the Year Jae Crowder, but the Racers (30-1) can shoot the lights out at 40.6 percent from 3-point land. Both these teams have Elite 8 potential.

Fun with names:

Trinity Fields, Iona. Senior guard can't get any burn — played just 72 minutes all season — but this name has superstar written all over it. Leading man, perhaps?

On upset alert:

New Mexico. The Lobos are a defensive-minded bunch, something that doesn't always turn out well in the NCAAs. They'll face a streaking Long Beach team, led by four senior starters that put a scare into both Kansas and UNC.

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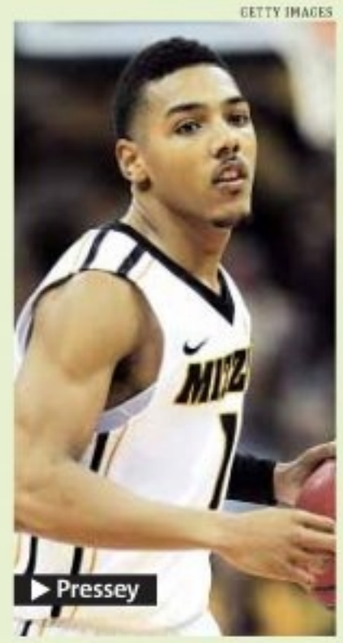

▶ Pressey

Ware is making his NCAA tournament debut.

East Region

Best player you probably know:

Jared Sullinger, Ohio State. Sullinger may be a little undersized to be a star in the NBA, but enjoy his time in college. He's a prototypical college post player. He carves out space with the best of them. He averaged 17.6 points and 9.3 rebounds per game this season after averaging a double-double as a freshman in 2010-11.

Best player you don't know:

Michael Snaer, Florida St. You may know him from his game-winning 3-pointer in Cameron Indoor versus Duke. But he's more than just a big-time shooter. His defense on Austin Rivers in the ACC tourney won them the game over Duke and he's averaging 14.5 points per game this season.

Second round matchup we want:

Syracuse vs. Kansas St. Would you believe that the Orange haven't advanced past the Sweet 16 since 2003 — the year they won it all. Kansas St. is a competent team, that beat Missouri twice and won at Baylor.

Fun with names:

Charlan Kloof, St. Bonaventure. Mr. Kloof is a guard for the Bonnies and native of Suriname. *Can you name what continent Suriname is on?* Fun fact: Kloof went by the alias Charli Klein in prep school.

On upset alert:

Vanderbilt. The Ivy Leaguers at Harvard are no cupcake this year. We know they are smarter than Vandy (though maybe not by much), but they've beaten ACC champion Florida St. in Tallahassee already this year.

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▶ Snaer averaged 14.5 points per game.

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- Syracuse (31-2) 1
- NC-Asheville (24-9) 16
- Kansas St. (21-10) 8
- Southern Miss (25-8) 9
- Vanderbilt (24-10) 5
- Harvard (26-4) 12
- Wisconsin (24-9) 4
- Montana (25-6) 13
- Cincinnati (24-10) 6
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- Loyola (Md.) (24-8) 15

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- Lamar/Vermont 16
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- Alabama (21-11) 9
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Moore wants Temple to 'keep winning for Zaire'

It was a very emotional night for Ramone Moore.

When Temple's name appeared on the big TV screen on Selection Sunday, Moore looked up and made a gesture.

"I thought about Zaire," Moore was saying as he then glanced at the button on his shirt with the name Zaire written on it. "I think about him every day."

Zaire Moore, Ramone's cousin, died at the age of 10 in a tragic car accident last summer. Ramone switched his jersey number from No. 23 to 10 in memory of Zaire.

A fifth-year senior, Moore led the Owls in scoring (17.8) and helped carry them to a fifth straight berth in the NCAA tournament. Not even an Atlantic 10 tournament quarterfinal loss to Massachusetts could dampen Moore's spirit. Temple (24-7) will face the winner of Wednesday's game between No. 12 California and No. 12 South Florida in the second round Friday.

"I'm so happy we're back in the tournament and it's something we don't ever take for granted," Moore said. "I really wanted it for Zaire. It was a tough season at times for me because of my feelings for Zaire. I look at my daughter [Simone] and just hug her and it makes me feel better. I want to keep winning for Zaire."

And for Temple coach Fran Dunphy.

After a number of disappointing, opening-round losses, the Owls broke through and advanced to the second round last season before falling in double overtime to San Diego State.

"I am so tired of hearing the criticism of coach Dunphy," Moore said. "He's a great coach. He's incredible. We kind of felt like we had let him down. As players, we have to take responsibility. We take the criticism personally. We want to go and win for him. For me, it's my last shot. I want to leave it all out there on the court."

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▶ Moore is dedicating the tournament to his cousin.

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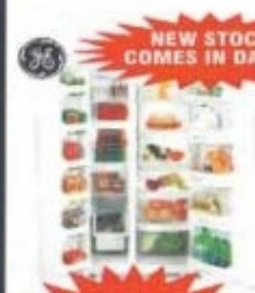

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Talent: B-. There just aren't enough 70-plus degree days where tanning at Mirror Lake showcases the true female potential.
Weather: D+. The fall in Connecticut is pretty. For about two weeks. Spring is nice too .. for two weeks.

FLORIDA STATE

Athletics: B. This school is so '90s it should have Zach Morris, Bell Biv DeVoe and "Stone Cold" Steve Austin heading the athletic department.
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Weather: B+.Tallahassee ain't South Beach. But it ain't Buffalo either.

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Athletics: B+. Painfully underrated. Tom Izzo gets his teams to the Final Four routinely and the football team at least competes in a true football conference.
Academics: B. Painfully underrated again due to rival Michigan's brilliance in the books.
Talent: C. Too close to Detroit. That midwest twang only goes so far.
Weather: D+. To think, they actually hosted a Super Bowl in Michigan?

DUKE

Athletics: B+. Coach K has made Duke the premier hoop school in the nation. But its football team once again drags down its score. Nothing new here.
Academics: A+. Consider that UConn's new school President is a Duke grad.
Talent: D+. Kentucky has Ashley Judd. Missouri has Shryl Crow (hot in her day). Syracuse has Vanessa Williams (smoke show in her day). UConn has April O'Neil (aka Paige Turco). Duke? Your response?
Weather: B-. North Carolina. Meh.

ALABAMA

Athletics: A. Hate him or love him, Nick Saban wins championships. Arguably the best football school in the world, the tailgate in Tuscaloosa is otherworldly.
Academics: C. That pseudo-smart girl from high school who strangely liked NASCAR and was badly in need of braces? She goes here.
Talent: B+. Southern belle's a-plenty. Plus, unlike northeast girls, they actually understand football. No lie.
Weather: B-. Humidity!

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Athletics: D. Marshall Faulk, Tony Gwynn. And that's about it. How can you not attract more athletes to San Diego?
Academics: D. Let's just say SDSU won't be confused with Princeton. But being homeless in SD isn't all bad.
Talent: A+. There isn't much silicone at, say, Wisconsin in February. In SoCal, every day's a pool party.
Weather: A. It can get below 60 degrees at night. Brrrr.

MURRAY STATE

Athletics: C-. Not bad for their lot in life. They routinely sneak into the Big Dance and make goons everywhere pick them because they think Bill Murray has something to do with the school.
Academics: C-. Not bad for Kentucky. A top-rated Southern school.
Talent: D. Their most notable alum? Ernest from the "Ernest goes to Jail" enterprise.
Weather: B-. At least they're a road trip away from the Kentucky Derby.

FINAL FOUR

At the risk of sounding like every greedy NBA star, weather matters when choosing a location to be the master of your domain. Warm weather brings in hot girls and high quality athletes. No surprise there.

Therefore, in the Guy's Guide pool, we have Florida State ousting Syracuse, San Diego State blasting Alabama, Duke besting UConn and Michigan State beating the Racers. Your National Champion? FSU parties like it's 1997.

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▶ Delle Donne and the Hens earned a No. 3 seed.

Don't forget about the women's tournament

◗ Baylor earns top overall seed ◗ UConn, Stanford, Notre Dame round out No. 1 spots ◗ Delaware grabs No. 3 seed, Penn State in as four seed

The women had to wait an extra day for their Selection Show. Last night, their 64-team NCAA field was unveiled. Baylor was named the tourney's No. 1 overall seed.

The other top seeds are Stanford, Connecticut and Notre Dame. Both the Huskies and Irish fell to Baylor in regular-season matchups. Baylor, led by player of the year candidate Brittney Griner, ended the season at 34-0.

"Our simple goal is to win a national championship," said Baylor coach Kim Mulkey.

Locally, the city's best chance rests with Delaware and junior sensation Elena Delle Donne. The Blue Hens (30-1) won the Colonial Athletic Association regular-season and tournament championships. They drew a No. 3 seed and will face Arkansas-Little Rock this Sunday.

Penn State also earned a bid in the tournament. The Nittany Lions enter as a No. 4 seed and will play UTEP Sunday. The women's tournament begins Saturday. METRO

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Delle Donne is the nation's leading scorer, averaging 27.5 points per game. Delaware is looking for its first NCAA tournament win.

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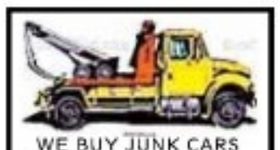

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